

REMARKS

Claim 5 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

Claims 1, 7 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Ohno (U.S. Pat. No. 6,040,949).

Claim 4 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Ohno (U.S. Pat. No. 6,040,949) as applied to claim 1 above, and further in view of Himmelsbach (U.S. Pat. No. 4,008,951).

Claims 8 and 9 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Ohno (U.S. Pat. No. 6,040,949).

Claims 10 and 11 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Ohno (U.S. Pat. No. 6,040,949) and Himmelsbach (U.S. Pat. No. 4,008,951) as applied to claim 7 above, and further in view of Tu et al. (U.S. Pat. No. 6,570,717).

Claims 2, 3, and 6 stand allowed.

Claims 1 and 7-11 are cancelled. Claims 4, 5, and 6 are amended. No new subject matter is added. Claims 4, 5, and 6 are now pending in the application. Reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims is requested in light of the above amendments and the following remarks.

Regarding claim 4, the amended claim depends from claim 2 or 3. Claims 2 and 3 stand allowed. Consequently, the combination of Ohno and Himmelsbach cannot render claim 4 obvious, because any claim that depends from a nonobvious independent claim is also nonobvious.

Regarding amended claim 5, the claim has been amended to depend only from claim 2. Consequently, the claim is definite because claim 2 provides the proper basis for moving first and second lens support members.

Claim 6 has been amended for clarity.

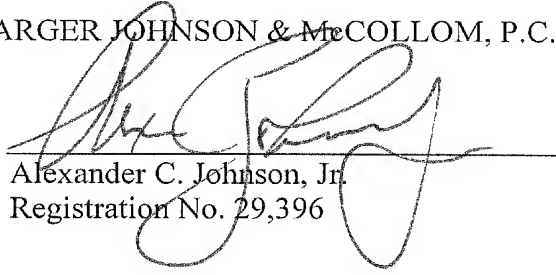
For the foregoing reasons, reconsideration and allowance of claims 4, 5, and 6 of the application as amended is requested. The Examiner is encouraged to telephone the undersigned at (503) 222-3613 if it appears that an interview would be helpful in advancing the case.

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